

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Case No.4:17-cr-00651-4

MELISA DOMINGUEZ,

DEFENDANT

**DEFENDANT MELISA DOMINGUEZ'S  
MOTION TO ALLOW WITHDRAWAL OF CO-COUNSEL**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

The Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, MELISA DOMINGUEZ, under Rule 83.2 of the Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas, respectfully moves the Court for an order permitting TERRY CANALES to withdraw as co-counsel of record. In support of this motion, attorney TERRY CANALES, would show the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Defendant has requested counsel to withdraw, making it impossible for counsel to represent the interests of the Defendant. Furthermore, the defendant's family has filed a grievance with the state bar of Texas alleging among other things ineffective assistance of counsel. It is clear from the defendant's request for withdrawal and other filings made with the court that Attorney Canales' representation of the defendant can not proceed in the interest of justice. Furthermore, the defendant will not be left unrepresented as Attorney Joseph A. Connors III, will continue as lead counsel a roll he has undertaken since the inception of this matter.

The Defendant will not be prejudiced if counsel is permitted to withdraw, as her lead counsel remains her lawyer of the aforementioned.

**II.**

Attorney Terry Canales, respectfully requests that this motion be granted in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and exact copy of the Defendant's Motion to Allow Withdrawal of Co-Counsel Terry Canales was served via ECF/CM to U.S Attorney's Office, Assistant United States Attorney on the 13th day of July, 2018.

/s/ TERRY CANALES

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**ORDER ON DEFENDANT MELISA DOMINGUEZ'S  
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Movant, Attorney TERRY CANALES' Motion to Allow Withdrawal of Counsel is  
hereby:

\_\_\_\_\_ GRANTED

\_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

Signed in HOUSTON DIVISION, Texas on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2018.

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United States District Judge